

CONFRONTING CLIMATE CHANGE

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR KING COUNTY? WHAT IS KING COUNTY DOING ABOUT IT?

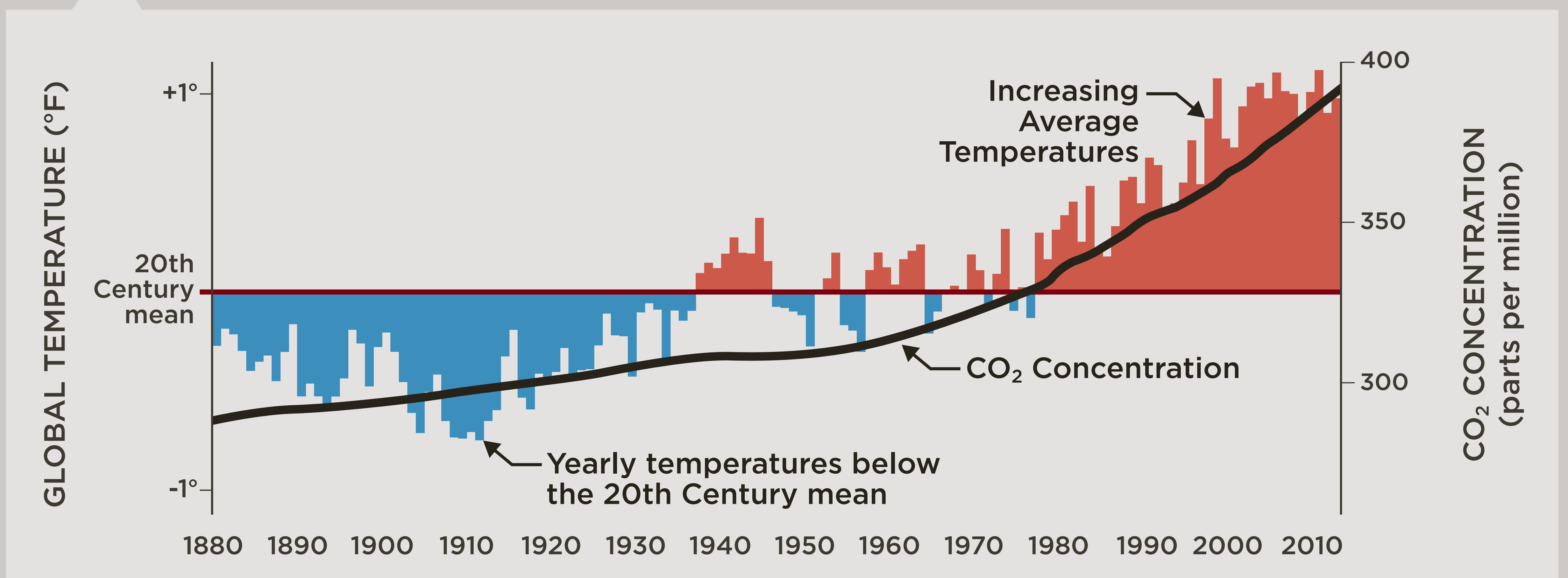
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Increased greenhouse gases are warming our planet, which significantly impacts our region.



WHAT IS HAPPENING ON A GLOBAL SCALE?

TEMPERATURES AND ATMOSPHERIC CARBON DIOXIDE (CO₂) LEVELS ARE RISING.



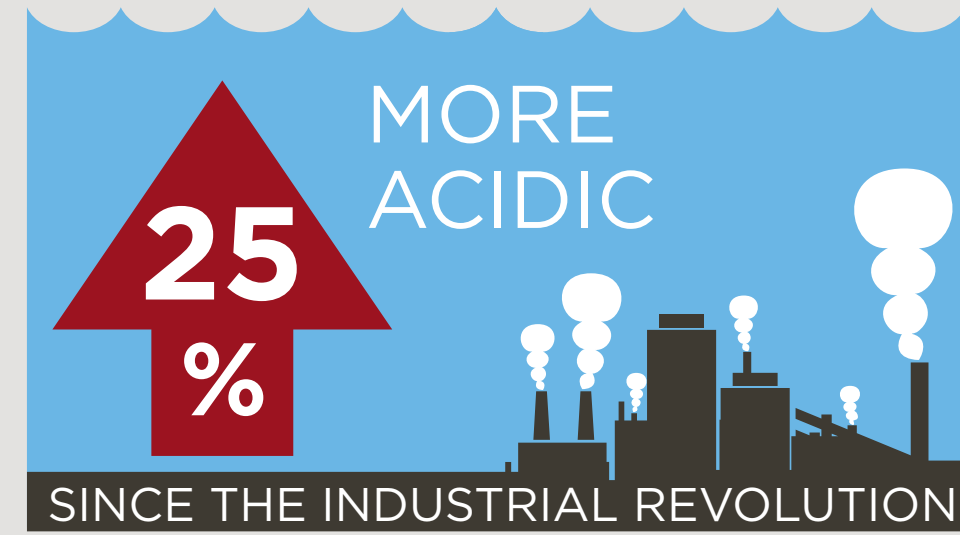


WHAT RELATED IMPACTS ARE HAPPENING IN OUR REGION?

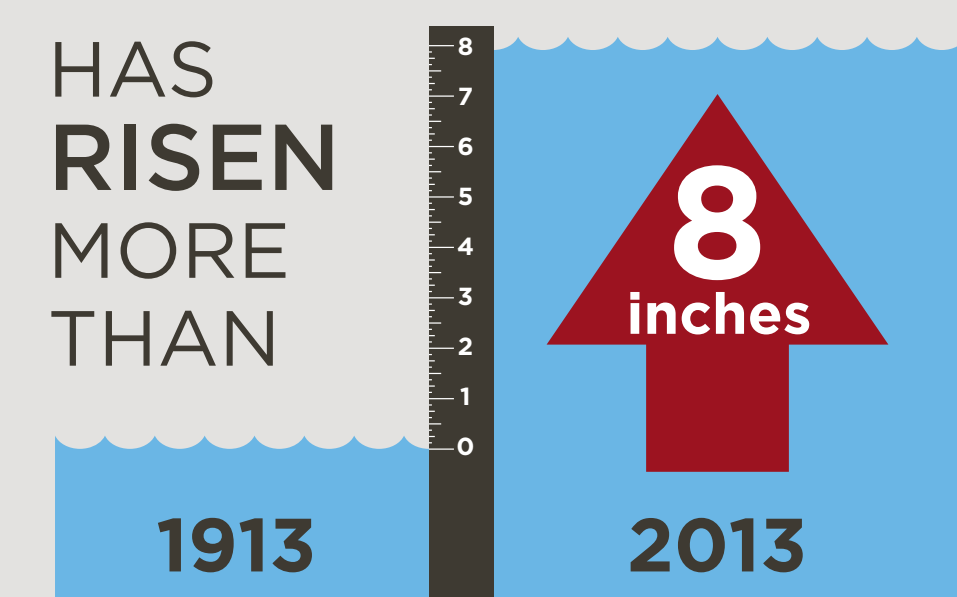
CLIMATE CHANGE IS AFFECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, ECONOMY AND HUMAN HEALTH.

OCEANS

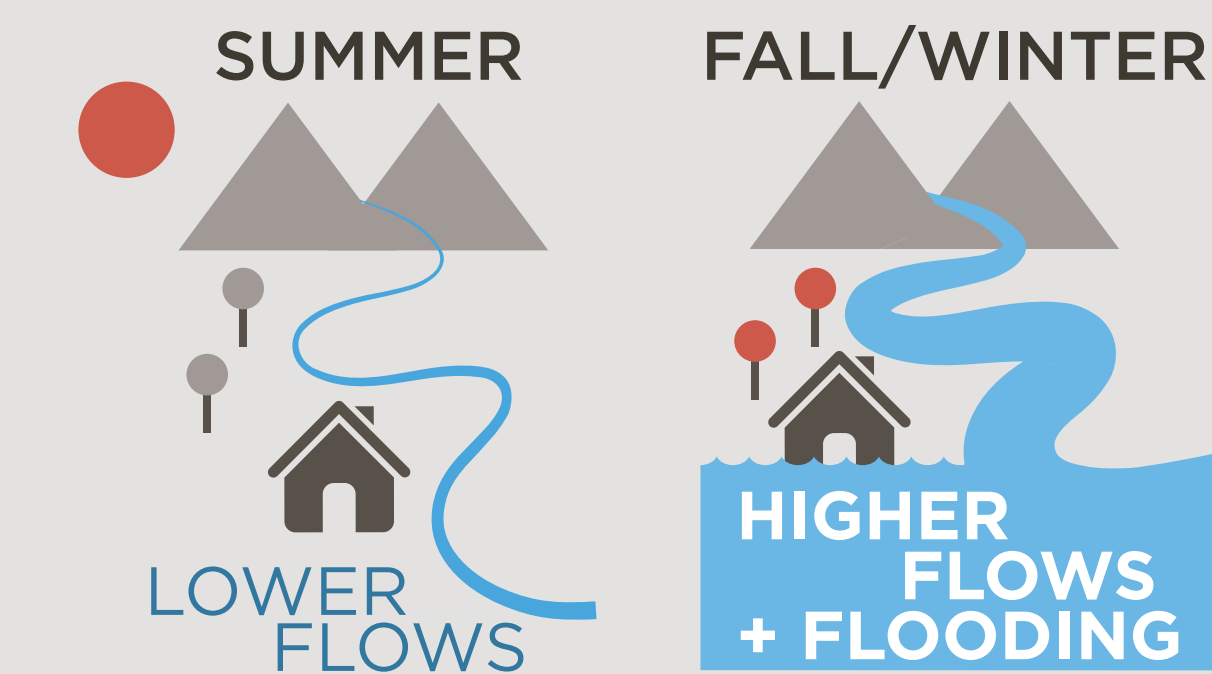
OCEAN WATER



PUGET SOUND

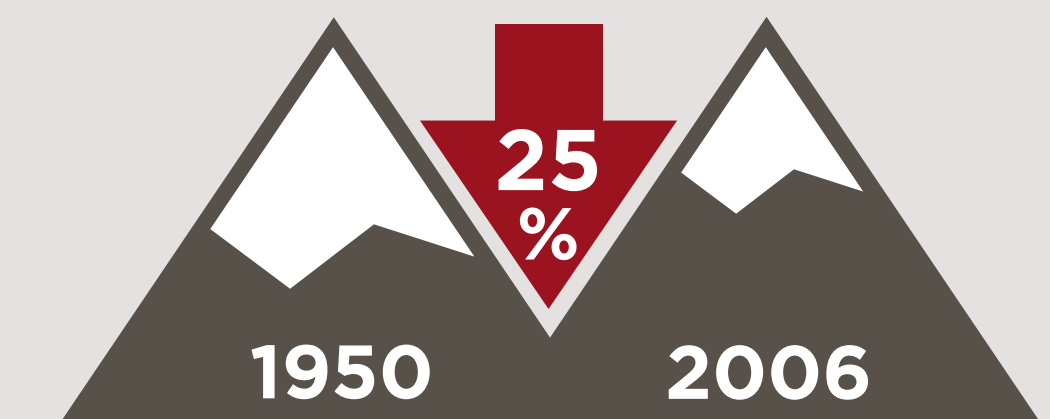


RIVERS



MOUNTAINS

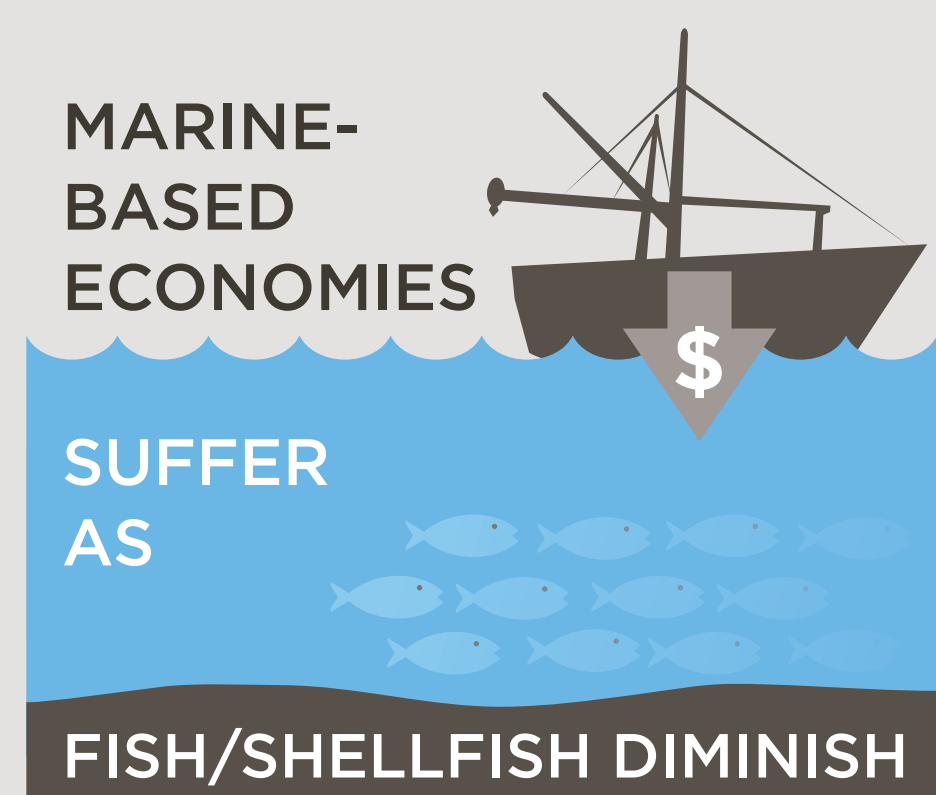
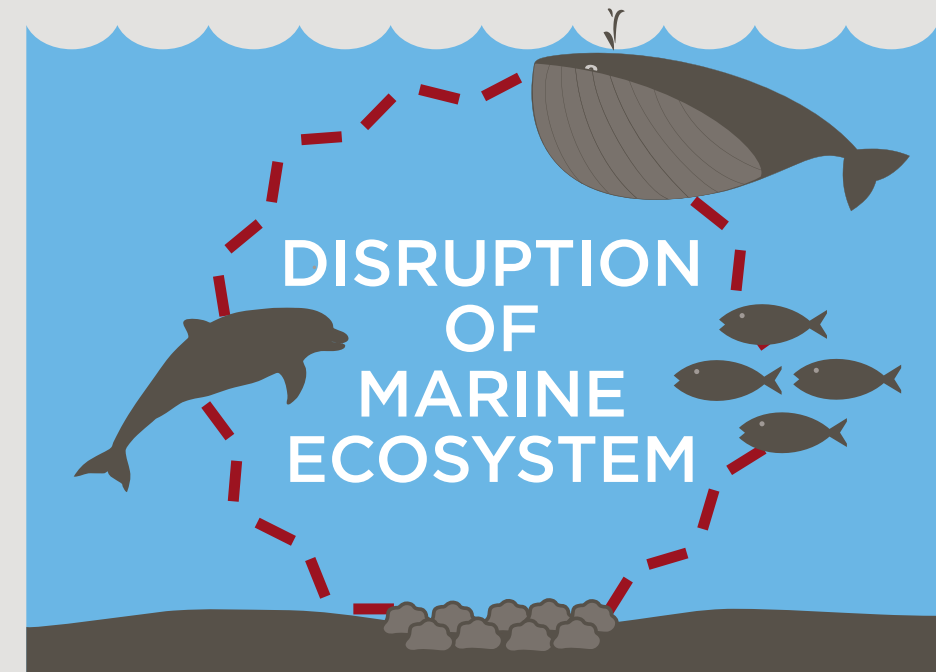
AVERAGE CASCADE SNOWPACK



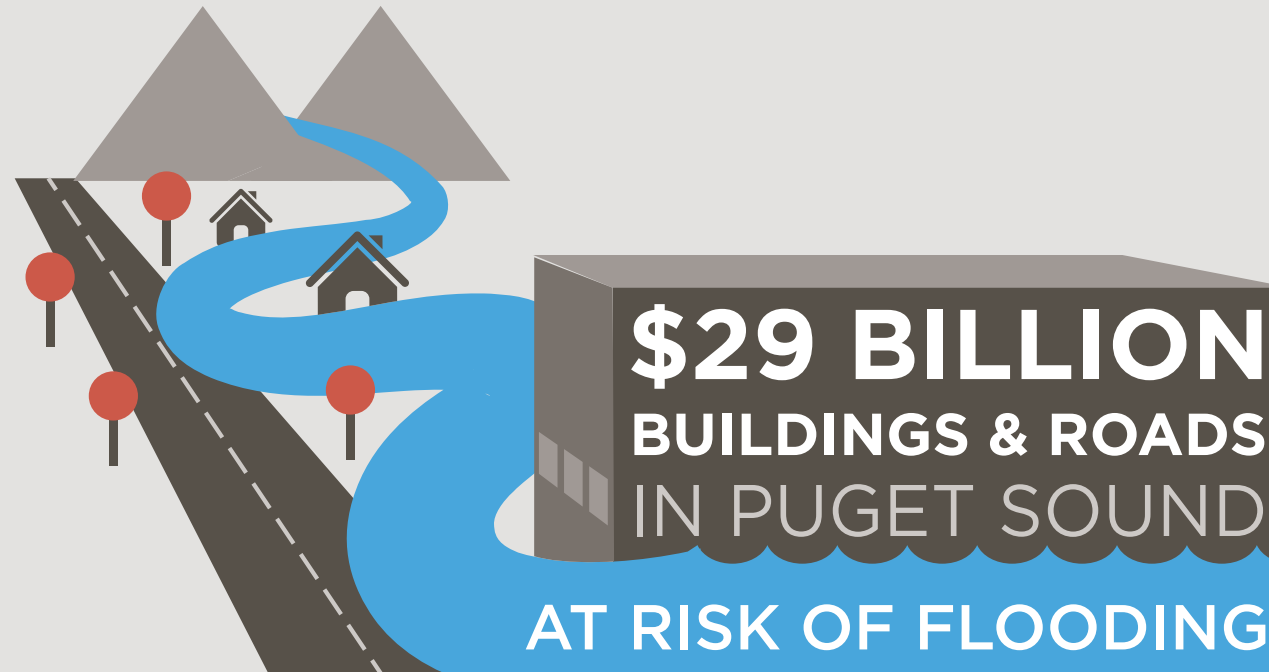
WHAT IS THE RISK FOR OUR REGION IN THE FUTURE?

IF WE DON'T ACT NOW, THE COSTS AND CONSEQUENCES WILL GROW.*

OCEANS



RIVERS & STORMS

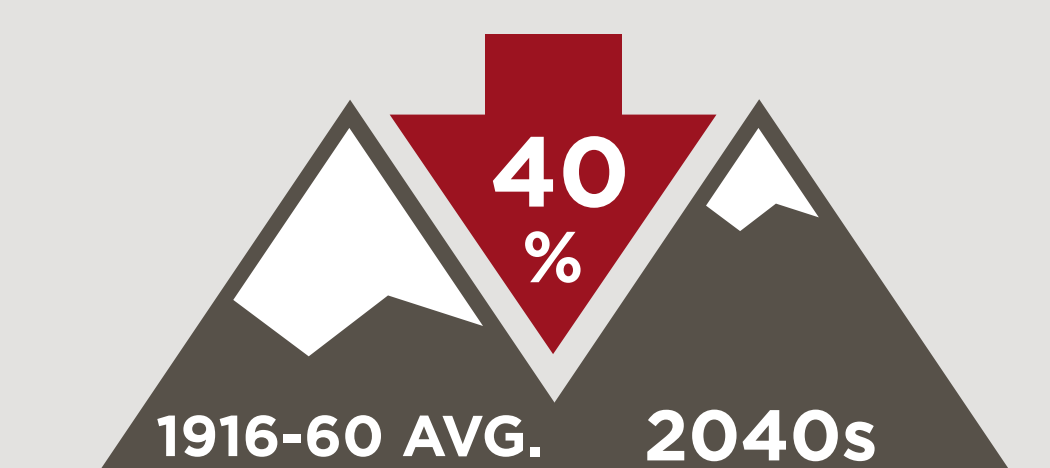


INCREASE IN SEVERE STORMS

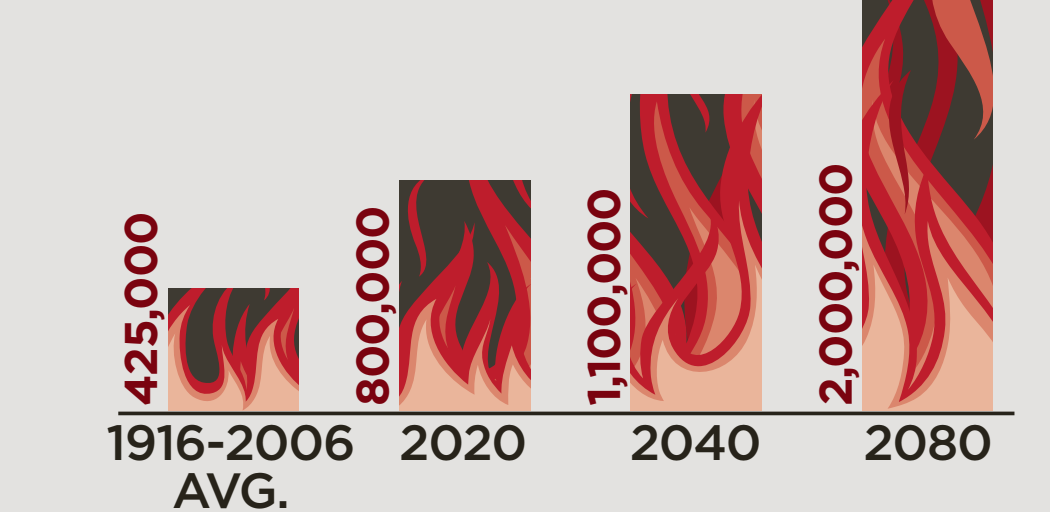


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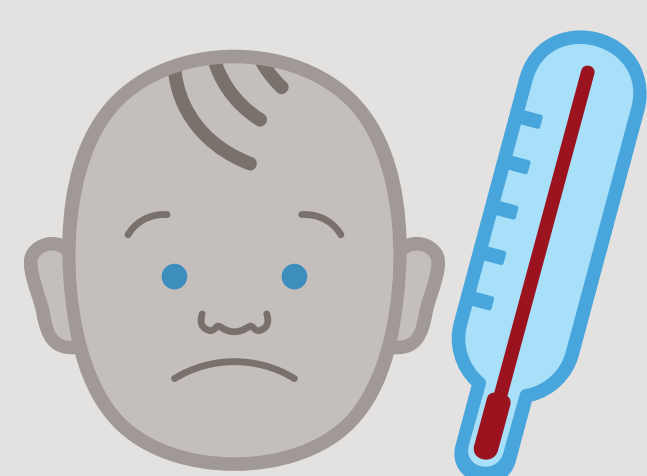
AVERAGE WASHINGTON SNOWPACK



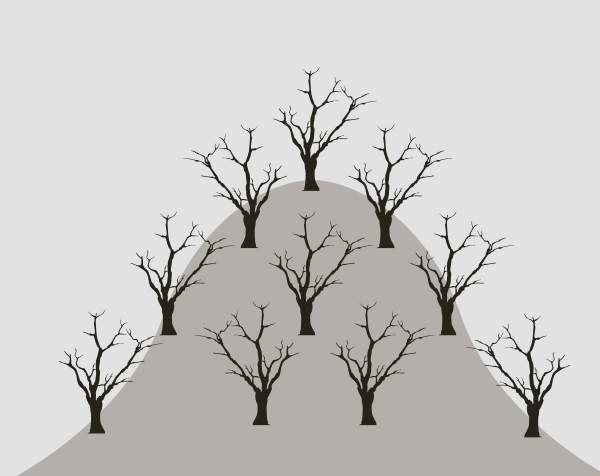
PNW ACRES BURNED BY WILDFIRES EVERY YEAR



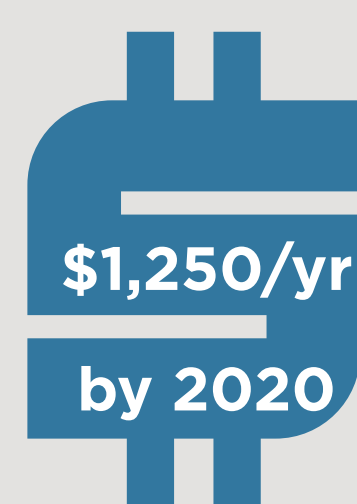
OTHER IMPACTS ARE POSSIBLE.



INCREASE IN CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS



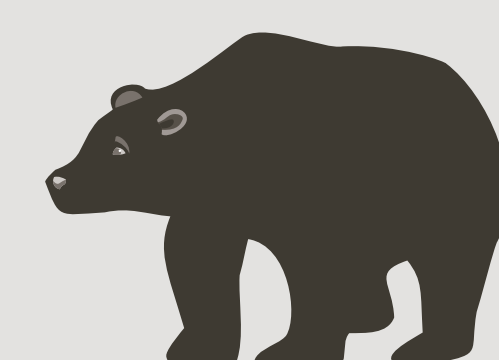
IMPACTS IN FORESTS FROM INSECTS & DISEASE OUTBREAKS



INCREASE IN HOUSEHOLD COSTS
\$1,250/yr by 2020



IMPACTS TO RECREATION AND QUALITY OF LIFE



IMPACTS TO SALMON AND WILDLIFE

* Over the coming decades, the severity of global and local climate change impacts is largely dependent on whether greenhouse gas emissions decline or continue to rise.

WHAT IS KING COUNTY GOVERNMENT DOING ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE?

KING COUNTY HAS REDUCED ITS OWN CARBON FOOTPRINT AND LEADS THE REGION IN BOLDER ACTION.

GREENING YOUR COMMUTE

NEW RAPID RIDE LINES

Encourage climate-friendly transportation by making Metro service faster and more reliable.

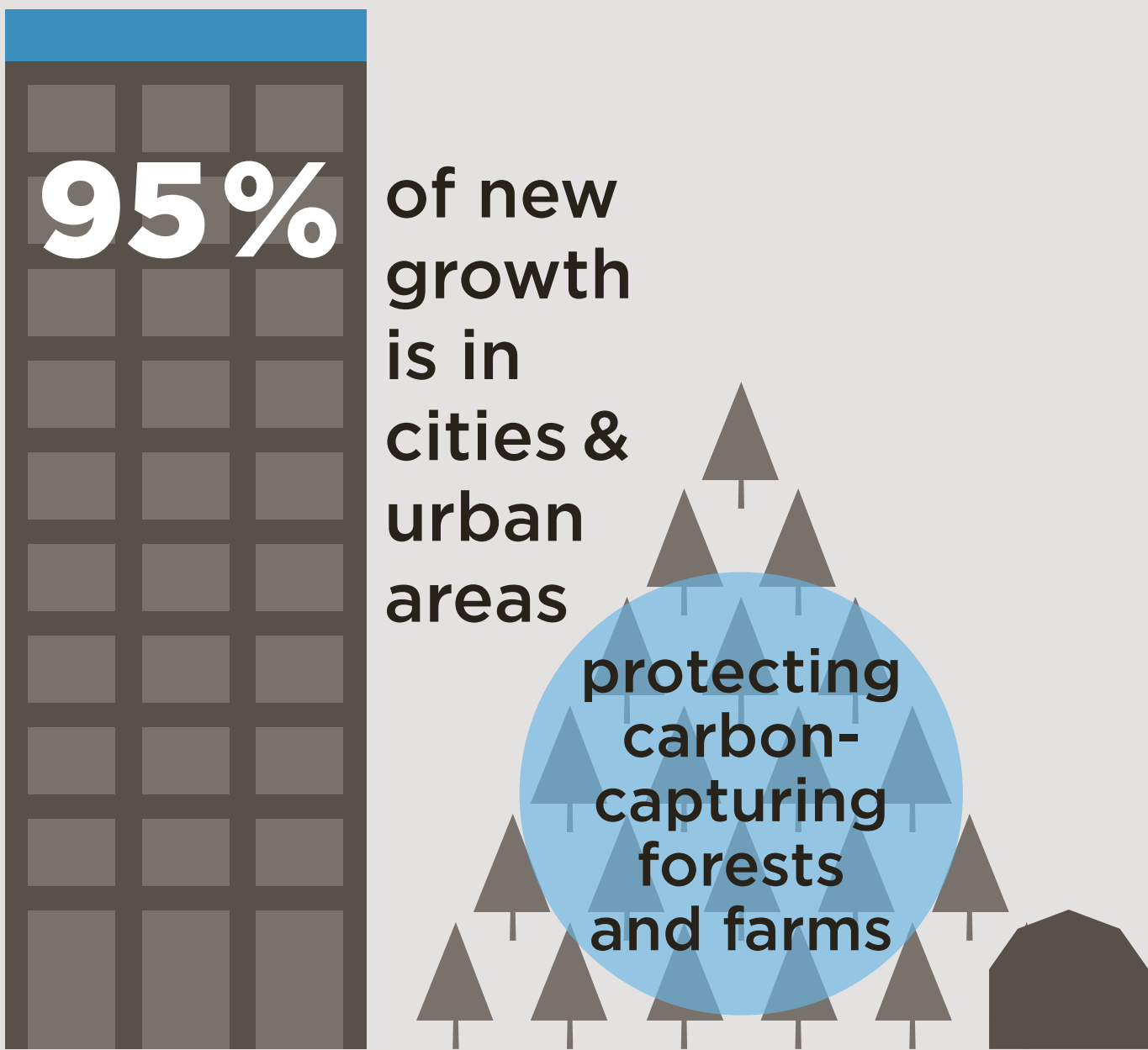


UP NEXT

Secure funding to sustain and expand buses and rail.



PROMOTING SMART GROWTH



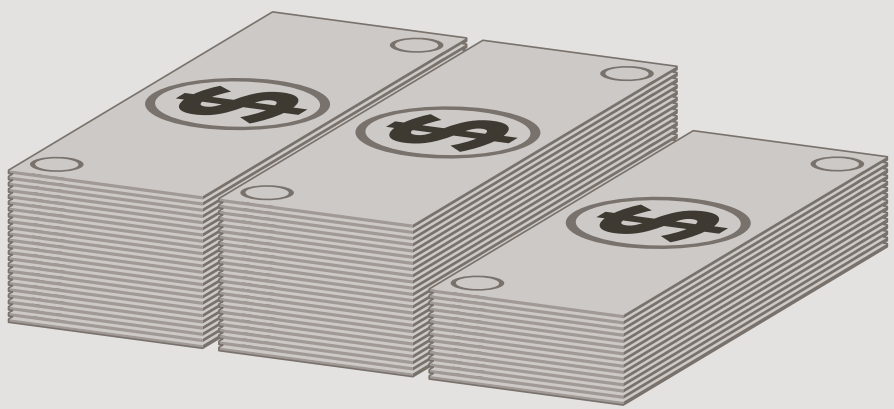
UP NEXT

Lead the region to create vibrant, compact communities around high-capacity transit.

IMPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Achieved ambitious energy efficiency improvements through investments, realizing

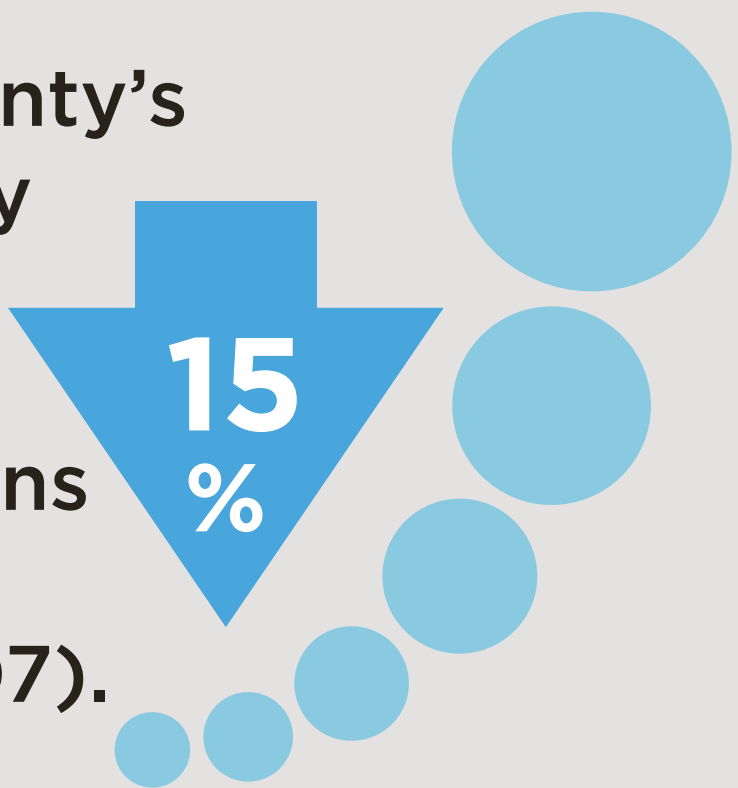
\$2.6 MILLION



in annual savings since 2010.

UP NEXT

Increase King County's operational energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 15% by 2015 (compared to 2007).



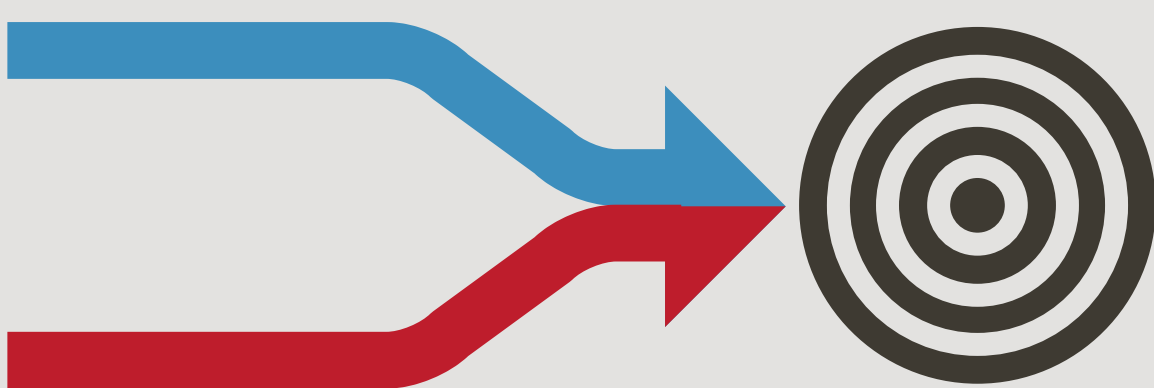
COLLABORATING WITH CITIES

Established King County-Cities Climate Collaboration to share climate change expertise and coordinate activities.



UP NEXT

Collaborate with cities to set shared target for reducing greenhouse gases and commit to specific joint actions.



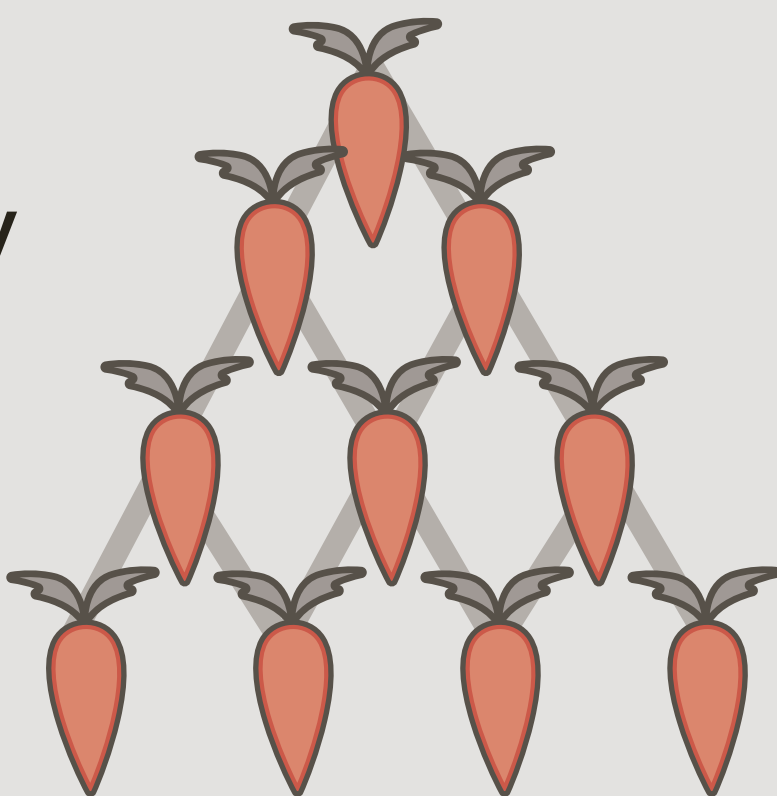
BUILDING RESILIENT COMMUNITIES, ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

Recognized as one of top two counties in the nation for reducing flood hazards.



UP NEXT

Strengthen local farm productivity through creation of new network of producers, distributors, restaurants & schools.



ENGAGING BUSINESSES IN CLIMATE SOLUTIONS

Provided title sponsorship for 2013 and 2014 GoGreen conferences, bringing together businesses and local governments advancing green building, waste reduction and recycling, environmental purchasing, and local food production. King County brings you **gogreen14**

UP NEXT

Establish business-focused King County Climate Alliance to create shared climate change agenda and make king county a center for clean technology innovation, training, and jobs.



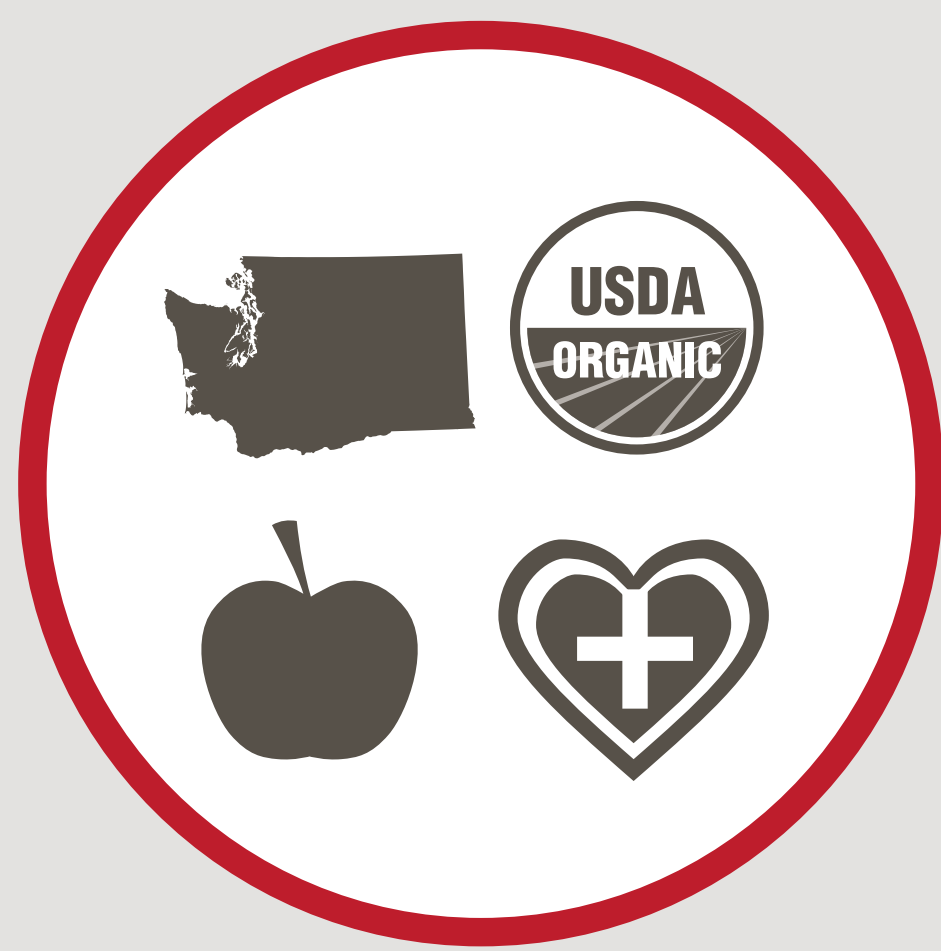
HOW CAN EACH OF US REDUCE OUR IMPACT?
SIMPLE CHOICES IN OUR DAILY LIVES CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



**COMMUTING
CHOICES**



**CHOICES
AT WORK**



**FOOD
CHOICES**



**CONSUMER
CHOICES**



**LEISURE
CHOICES**



**HOUSEHOLD
CHOICES**

To learn more, visit www.kingcounty.gov/beinggreen

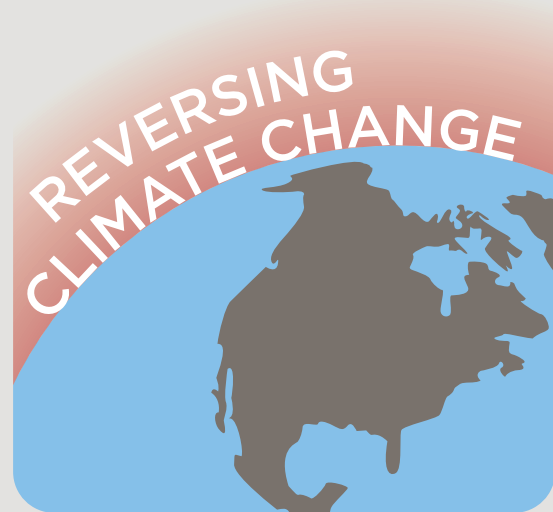
WANT TO DO MORE?
GET INFORMED ABOUT LOCAL AND GLOBAL CLIMATE SOLUTIONS!



**PLUG INTO
THE LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL
ACTION COMMUNITY**



**LEARN ABOUT
KING COUNTY'S COMMITMENT
TO INCREASE TRANSIT SERVICE**



**LEARN MORE ABOUT
KING COUNTY CLIMATE
CHANGE SOLUTIONS**

To learn more about the King County Executive's
Commitment to Confronting Climate Change go to:
kingcounty.gov/exec/climatechange

For detailed source information go to:
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